



## **PUBLIC POLICY STANDING COMMITTEE**

### **DRAFT MINUTES**

November 1, 2011

1:00 P.M. to 2:00 P.M.

Developmental Disabilities Planning Council

1740 West Adams, Conference Room 204

Phoenix, Arizona 85007

A standing committee meeting of the Arizona Developmental Disabilities Planning Council (ADDPC) was convened on November 1, 2011 at the DDPC, 1740 West Adams, Conference Room 204, Phoenix, Arizona 85007. Notice having been duly given. Present and absent were the following members of the ADDPC.

<b>Members Present</b>
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Leslie Cohen, Chair, Telephone Monica Cooper, Chuck Ryan Matt McMahon, Telephone
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Karla Phillips Rosemarie Strout, Telephone
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<b>Staff/Guests Present</b>	<b>Members Absent</b>
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Larry Clausen, Executive Director Marcy Crane, Grants/Contracts Manager C.J. Eisenbarth Hager, Morrison Institute Erica Skogebo Edwards, Morrison Institute Crystal Nance, ADDPC Intern
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Joyce Millard-Hoie Elmer Saufkie
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#### **A. Call to Order**

Leslie Cohen, Chairperson, welcomed everyone to the Arizona Developmental Disabilities Planning Council (ADDPC or Council) Public Policy Standing Committee meeting. The meeting was called to order at 1:05 P.M. A call was made for members to voice potential conflicts with items on the agenda. No conflicts were voiced.

#### **B. Review of Minutes**

Leslie Cohen asked for a review the minutes of the June 2, 2011 Public Policy Standing Committee. The meeting minutes were reviewed with no discussion.

- A motion was made by Matt McMahon to approve the minutes.
- Charles Ryan seconded the motion.
- The motion carried and the minutes were approved.

**C. 2012 Legislative Issues**

Upon initial discussion it was decided to merge this topic with item D on the Agenda.

**D. Morrison Institute – 2012 Legislative Activities**

Erica presented a draft outline of how the Morrison Institute (MI) would perform legislative activities for the ADDPC during the 2012 State Legislative Session. The outline addressed 5 areas, including (a) Selecting bills to track; (b) Updating legislation throughout the session; (c) Attending legislative committee meetings; (d) Developing position statements as needed; and (e) Pre-session activities. Several suggestions were made to make both the MI and the Committee effective during the session:

- Set tier levels for bills, based on established criteria that rate importance/merit.
- Track only bills that have “traction” and affect crucial issues pertaining to developmental disabilities.
- Differentiate what ADDPC members need to know v. what should be communicated to the public.
- Utilize two formats (Position Statements & Policy Briefs) as products developed from ongoing legislative monitoring and analysis.
- Schedule weekly or bi-weekly teleconference Committee meetings immediately prior to the beginning of the legislative session and during the session. These meetings will be utilized (when achieving quorum) by the Committee to make recommendations on legislative issues.
- Contact and include key stakeholders in obtaining ongoing feedback on legislative issues.

Larry will be working with the MI to move these initiatives forward.

**E. Morrison Institute – Draft AHCCCS Brief**

The draft AHCCCS Reform Brief was presented by Erica and C.J. noting that since last the written update the brief was in need of further revisions due to changes in judicial rulings. Erica will be speaking with her points of contact at AHCCCS to ensure that revised material is accurate. The Committee agreed that this particular brief will need periodic updating due to further changes enacted by court decisions. The date of the briefings will be posted on the bottom of the document to read “last updated” so that consumers are aware of the publication date. MI will continue to monitor and update the brief as needed.

- A motion was made by Charles Ryan for the Committee to approve/recommend printing of the publication and distributing in hard and electronic formats.
- The motion was seconded by Monica Cooper.
- The motion carried.

**F. Morrison Institute – Draft Developmental Disabilities Definition Brief**

The draft brief was presented by the MI. Upon review, the MI was asked to revise the format of definitions, placing the state definition first with an explanation that it is used to access services and receive benefits. The federal definition should be placed in a secondary position in the briefing, noting specifically that definition only applies to the ADDPC and functions it performs.

- A motion was made by Matt McMahon to make the discussed changes to the brief and approve/recommend printing of the publication and distribute in hard and electronic copies.
- The motion was seconded by Charles Ryan.
- Motion carried.

**G. Future Meeting Schedule**

A telephonic meeting schedule as described in Item D on this agenda will be developed and distributed to Committee members.

**H. Call To The Public**

No public representatives were present.

**I. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 P.M.